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**MONTGOMERY POLICE OFFICER INDICTED ON TWO COUNTS RELATED TO
IDENTITY THEFT**

Montgomery, Alabama - Bradley Howard Pemberton, 41, a sergeant with the Montgomery Police Department ("MPD"), was indicted recently on federal wire fraud and identity theft charges, Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney, announce today.

The indictment, which was unsealed today, alleges that through his position with MPD, Pemberton was authorized to access the Law Enforcement Tactical System ("LETS"), which is maintained by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center ("ACJIC"). LETS provides law enforcement personnel with Alabama drivers license information, including a driver's Social Security number, date of birth, and home address. This information is to be used for law enforcement purposes only.

The indictment further alleges that on December 2, 2008, Pemberton used LETS to obtain the Social Security number and date of birth of an individual with the initials "BNP." Pemberton then applied for a Discover Card credit card over the Internet using his own address, but BNP's name, Social Security number, and date of birth. Discover Card opened an account based on the application, and Pemberton used the account to make payments on a previously fraudulently obtained American Express card account.

If convicted on both counts, Pemberton would face a statutory mandatory minimum sentence of two years imprisonment, a maximum sentence of 22 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$500,000, and an order of restitution.

At his initial appearance today before United States Magistrate Judge Terry Moorer, Pemberton was released on a \$25,000 unsecured bond. Arraignment has been set for April 6, 2011.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, with the cooperation of the Montgomery Police Department. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney W. Brent Woodall.